

TOP 10 FUNDRAISING IDEAS for a Small Hands Event

“PUTTING THE FUN BACK IN FUNDRAISING”

Five easy steps to the perfect Small Hands event through:

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Bottle Drive

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your BOTTLE DRIVE a success and fun!



Liquor store/Beer store returns to benefit 10,000 Canadian children with cancer.

1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun!
2. **SEND IT!** Begin 1-2 weeks ahead of time by sending out or passing flyers door-to-door informing local residents that you/your community will be coming around on a designated date to collect beer, wine and spirit bottles to raise money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. *No money will need to be donated by them, just their bottles!*
3. **DRIVE IT!** On the designated date, go door-to-door to collect the beer, wine and spirit bottles. Depending on how many bottles you receive, you may need many cars (*trucks and vans are helpful*) to take your bottles to a designated location.
4. **COLLECT IT!** Place empty bottles in boxes and take them to your local liquor or beer store to collect the proceeds.
5. **DONATE IT!** Donate the funds that you have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative and know that by collecting bottles you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are living with cancer, and that you had fun doing it!

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Head Shave/Hair Cut

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your HEAD SHAVE/HAIR CUT a success and fun!



Would you like to cut your long hair and help make a wig for a child with cancer? Are you willing to shave your head to show solidarity with children battling cancer?

1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun!
2. **FORM IT!** Plan your own hair cut or form a committee of motivated individuals who are willing to cut their hair or shave their head for the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. This event works well for an individual, community group, or school, and acts as a great means to bring people together.
3. **QUALIFY IT!** Hair must be clean, dry and not swept off the floor. There is no minimum length to shaving your head; however, for donating, hair must be a minimum length, (*eight inches or more*) hair should not be chemically treated (*bleach, colour or perm*). Hair should be bundled in a pony tail or braids at both ends.
4. **PLEDGE IT!** Hair cutters and head shavers will collect pledges on the understanding that they will successfully complete their cut/shave. Pledges can be made online through our website at www.smallhands.ca. You can send the link of your own donation page by email and Facebook to friends and family. It's easy and fun to raise money for kids with cancer.
5. **HOLD IT!** Hold an event within your designated location where those who have supported your hair cut/head shave initiative can watch and enjoy. *This event doesn't have to be limited to a hair cutting event, add fun with food, contests and prizes.* Send your hair to the Childhood Cancer Foundation or the hair donation centre of your choice. Know that each participant has made an impact on the 10,000 Canadian children who are battling cancer, and with your help, are making a difference to provide wigs for children who are experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatments, as well as providing the necessary funding for childhood cancer research and support programs.

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Coin/Penny Drive

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your COIN/PENNY DRIVE a success!



Do you jingle when you walk? Do you have some loose change? Pennies add up!

1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your donation page to family and friends to request their pledges through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun!
2. **FORM IT!** Form a team of dedicated individuals either at school, home or in the office who are willing to donate their loose change to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative.
3. **JAR IT!** Put out a large jar or container (glass works well) to collect pennies/loose change around your designated location. This event works well for almost any location including classrooms and offices. *It may also be fun to decorate the jar!*
4. **FILL IT!** On a daily/weekly basis, get all participants to donate their loose change into the jar. If there are multiple departments in your office, set a challenge to see which department can raise the most money. The same can be done in schools to have grades/class competitions to see who can raise the most money.
**It may be handy to have a monitor to keep an eye on the jar!*
5. **EXCHANGE IT!** After your jar is full or after the designated time is over, count all the loose change and exchange it into larger bills, this can be done at a local bank or grocery store with a change machine. *(Change machines will charge a percentage of your total earnings)* Donate the money that you have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative and know that by donating some spare change, you and your colleagues/classmates are making a difference for the 10,000 Canadian children who are living with cancer.

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Talent Show

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your TALENT SHOW a success and fun!



Are you ready to show off your hidden talents? Do you want to make new friends while supporting children with cancer?

1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun!
2. **FORM IT!** Form a group of dedicated individuals who will devote themselves to a little extracurricular effort to support the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. Workplace, community group, or schools work best to form talented acts of individuals or groups. Talent is not limited to singing and dancing, but can be a variety of different acts! *A Comedy showcase, poetry reading or any other talent that makes you/your group unique!*
3. **DATE IT!** Find a date that will work well for your school/office/community group to showcase their talent; ensure a space that will accommodate the acts of talent and will hold necessary equipment needed for the show. *Microphones, A/V equipment, stage etc.*
4. **PRACTICE IT!** Remember practice makes perfect! Rehearse with your group or practice yourself as much as you can; you are showcasing your talent after all and your audience will get the chance to see how hard you have worked and how talented you/your group is!
5. **SHOW IT!** On the date of your event, showcase your talent to your friends, family and colleagues. Charge a few dollars, or donation of any size as an admission fee to your show. *It may be fun to incorporate food, prizes and an awards aspect to your show!* Donate the money that you have raised through admission and donations to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative and feel proud that through your/your group's talents, you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are battling cancer.

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Walk-a-Thon

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your WALK-A-THON a success and fun!



1. **FORM IT!** Form a group of dedicated individuals who will participate in a walk-a-thon to support the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. Schools, shopping malls and parks work well for this type of event. Walkers will receive pledges on the understanding that they will not only participate but complete the walk. Settle on a distance in kilometers for the walk. Find a location with enough space to accommodate your walk-a-thon. Make sure no other events are going on in that location on the same day.
2. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun! Ask local residents, friends and family members to support your challenge of distance walking to support the 10,000 Canadian children in their battle against cancer. Pledges can easily be made online or download a pledge form at www.smallhands.ca
3. **PREPARE IT!** Participating in a long walk may be strenuous if you aren't prepared. Get some exercise pre-event and practice walking the distance. *Having a friend with you will make it double the fun!*
4. **WALK IT!** On the day of the event have a registration table where participants can drop off the pledges that they have raised and be given any necessary materials. *Nametags, water, etc.* Begin and complete the walk over the designated distance. It may be tough to complete, but you are not only walking for yourself, you are walking in support of the 10,000 children across Canada who are battling cancer.
5. **DONATE IT!** Donate the pledges that you and your fellow walkers have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative, and know that by simply walking, you and your group are making a difference in the lives of the 10,000 children across Canada who are currently battling cancer.

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Silent Auction

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your SILENT AUCTION a success and fun!



1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun! Form a group of dedicated individuals who are willing to invest a little time to raise money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative through a silent auction. This event works well for schools, community groups or in the office.
2. **CONNECT IT!** Use those connections that you've built over the years to obtain donated items which may intrigue people to bid on in a silent auction. *Options are endless but could include: vacations, spa services, sports/fan memorabilia, restaurant packages etc.*
3. **PASS IT!** Send out flyers in your community, around the office, or in your school to inform the public that you will be holding a silent auction on a designated date in a designated location. Inform them to bring their cheque books and that the highest bid for each auctioned item will go to the Childhood Cancer Foundation.
4. **BID IT!** On the day of your event if anything catches your eye, bid on it yourself and encourage others to bid as well! The auctioned items will be great prizes and all proceeds will be going to a great cause. Items up for auction will go to the highest bidder. *Have fun with the event with food, prizes and contests!*
5. **DONATE IT!** By donating the money that you have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are currently battling cancer.

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
a success and fun!



Ever heard the saying that one person's trash is another person's treasure? Use your treasure to help 10,000 Canadian children who are battling cancer.

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2. **PASS IT!** Send out flyers in your neighborhood/local community informing residents that on a designated date, you will be having a neighborhood garage sale to benefit the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. Encourage residents to get involved and sell their used belongings. *Remember: one person's trash is another person's treasure. Some possible examples of items to sell are: exercise equipment, clothing, dishware/cutlery, books, stuffed animals, etc.*
3. **RUMMAGE IT!** Sort through your own belongings and encourage neighbors to rummage through their closets and find hidden treasures that someone may be interested in purchasing. Consider price points for each item. You may choose to label each item with a price tag. *Be reasonable and remember that buyers may bargain with your prices.*
4. **BRING IT!** On the day of the event, wake up early to set up your garage sale. Unload the items that you hope to sell onto your lawn, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. *A fanny pack is a good idea for all sellers to keep the money safe and close at hand for change.*
5. **SELL IT!** Inform buyers that the purpose of this garage sale is to help the Childhood Cancer Foundation and that you and your neighbors have taken on a Small Hands initiative to sell used items to help the 10,000 Canadian children who have cancer. This may encourage locals to purchase your belongings, or to start a Small Hands fundraiser of their own. Donate all or a portion of the money that you and your neighbors have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation and know that through selling your used items, you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are currently battling cancer.

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Dinner Party/BBQ

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your Dinner Party/BBQ a success and fun!



Instead of going out to dinner one night, stay in, and the money that would have been spent at a restaurant is going to help the 10,000 children across Canada battling cancer.

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2. **R.S.V.P. IT!** Inform your friends and family that instead of going out for dinner one night, you will be holding a dinner party/barbeque at your house. You will be charging admission to come to the dinner, but this is money that would have been spent going to a restaurant or bar. The “fee” you are charging for the meal will be going to the Childhood Cancer Foundation’s Small Hands initiative.
3. **DECIDE IT!** Consider a price that you will be charging the attendees of your event. Think about how much money your friends would usually spend if they had decided to go out that night. Some of the money raised may be needed to cover costs for your event so take that into account. *Write up a menu with a print off of your recipes in case guests have allergies.*
4. **COOK IT!** With your own money, or with a portion of the money that will be receiving from the dinner party, cook or barbeque a lovely dinner for your friends and family.
5. **COLLECT IT!** Collect the money from your friends and family. You can also make this event even more fun by incorporating games and contests during the evening which guests may pay to play. This will raise even more money during your Small Hands initiative. Donate the money that you and your group has raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation’s Small Hands initiative, and know that by hosting a dinner party and having a great meal with your family and friends you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are currently battling cancer.

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Bake Sale

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your BAKE SALE a success and fun!



1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun! Form a group of dedicated individuals who are willing to raise money through a bake sale to benefit the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative.
2. **DECIDE IT!** Settle on a date and location where the event will take place. This event works best for schools, offices and community groups. *Low fat options may be a good baking choice as well!*
3. **BAKE IT!** Bake your delicious treats and bring them on the day of your event. Keep in mind all ingredients that you have put into your recipe in case of an allergy inquiry. *There is no harm in baking an extra batch for yourself or for your family!*
4. **SELL IT!** On the day of your event set up a large stand where all bakers can showcase their goodies. Set reasonable price points for each item and collect money for each baked good that is sold. *It may be a good idea to have deals, one cookie for \$1, or three cookies for \$2.*
5. **DONATE IT!** After you have successfully completed your bake sale, donate the money that you have raised to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative and know that by simply baking yummy goodies for all to enjoy, you are helping the 10,000 Canadian children who are currently battling cancer.

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Bowl-a-Thon

Follow these 5 Simple Steps to make your BOWL-A-THON a success and fun!



Knock down 10 pins to support 10,000 Canadian children who are battling childhood cancer.

1. **REGISTER IT!** Register your event at www.smallhands.ca and create your own personal webpage. You can send the link of your page to family and friends to request their donations through email or Facebook. Raising money for kids with cancer is easy and fun! Bowlers will receive pledges on the understanding that they will successfully complete the bowl-a-thon.
2. **LOCATE IT!** Find an available bowling alley that will support your Small Hands initiative for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. Some bowling alleys have pre-arranged bowl-a-thon packages that may be helpful to form the logistics of your bowling tournament.
3. **FORM IT!** Form a group of dedicated individuals who are willing to raise money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation through a bowling tournament. Bowlers don't have to be of professional bowling status, just motivated individuals who are willing to make an effort to benefit a good cause, while having fun doing it!
4. **BOWL IT!** On the day of your event, have fun! Incorporate competitions with your friends to see who can get the highest score, who got the most gutter balls or who raised the most pledges. *Food and prizes are another fun aspect to this event!*
5. **DONATE IT!** Donate the money that you/your group have raised through pledges and donations from the bowl-a-thon to the Childhood Cancer Foundation's Small Hands initiative. Know that by bowling, you are supporting the 10,000 Canadian children who are currently battling cancer.

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